

GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR ASTRA 1620

Save all your ASTRA 1620 packaging materials. The polyethylene bag will keep your ASTRA 1620 disk drive dust free when in daily use. The outer carton and foam end caps will protect your ASTRA 1620 during moving or long term storage.

CAUTION: Keep polybags away from small children.

The ASTRA 1620 includes the following:

- *ASTRA 1620 Disk Drive
- *Data Cable
- *OS/A+ (Version 2) Disk Operating System
- *Getting Started With Your ASTRA 1620
- *ASTRA 1620 Dual Disk Drive User Manual
- *Warranty Registration Card

SETTING UP YOUR DRIVE

Once the data cable has been connected to the ASTRA 1620 I/O connector #1 and the computer, plug the AC line cord into any 115 volt outlet (ordinary house current).

The proper operating sequence should be as follows:

1. Turn on the ASTRA 1620 disk drive by pushing the main power switch to the right.
2. Carefully insert the diskette(s) into the drive and gently close the door by pressing down on the latch without pushing back. The notched edge of the diskette must be in the lower left-hand corner.
3. Turn on the computer.

NOTE: Diskettes should only be placed in the drive after turning on the power or before turning off the power.

The proper exiting sequence should be as follows:

1. Remove diskettes from drive by pushing in the latch. The diskette will slightly pop forward.
2. Turn off the ASTRA 1620 by pushing the main power switch to the left.
3. Turn off the computer.

CARING FOR DISKETTES

In order to avoid erasure of files and programs, there are two methods available for protecting your diskette.

The easiest and probably the safest method is to use a write-protect tab provided by the manufacturer of the diskette. The tab covers the notch on the right-hand side of the diskette. The write-protect tab, when in its proper place, will guard against erasure of programs and

new files or programs may not be written on the diskette.

The other method available is to use the PRO command (See ASTRA 1620 Dual Disk Drive User Manual.). The PRO command allows the user to protect any given program or file on a diskette. When protected, the program or file cannot be written over or erased. This does not guard against erasure due to initialization. The diskette may be written to as long as the program or file name is different than the protected program or file.

LABELING OF DISKETTES

To avoid confusion as to what is stored on a diskette, use the labels provided by the manufacturer of the diskette. The label should be placed on the left-hand side of the diskette.

STORING DISKETTES

In order to avoid damage to your "floppy" diskettes, these suggestions should be followed:

- *Keep the diskettes in their envelopes when not in use.
- *Do not stack the diskettes, but rather store them vertically.
- *Avoid storing diskettes by magnetic fields, especially your television set.
- *Avoid storing diskettes by any direct source of heat.
- *Avoid storing diskettes by any liquids.